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Mr. William A. Ship Special Assistant to the Secretary of State Mashington, D. C.

bear Mr. May:

Reference is made to your letter of 13 May 1947 regarding the release of Mr. Ference Alaba Smille from this against to permit his raturn to the Office of Foreign Jerrice.

Te are fully aware of the need for experienced officers in the expended settricies of the foreign Service and do not feel justified, under the firmulationess, to ask for the retention of Mr. Hurdle in his present exsignment, lowever, we do desire to express our appreciation to the hepertment of distance to Mr. Huddle for the excellent assistante provided in establishing a new effice.

As the first Assistant Director for separts and Estimates, Mr. Suchle has carried the load insident to the initial organization of ow most important office. In make of personnel and space handicape, the Office of Reports and detimates has been developed in an orderly and efficient separt under his juidance.

Of the occasion of his recell to the setivities of the Office of Fareigh Sarvice, this Agency wishes Er. Swille continued success is the field to maich he has devoted so many years of service to his government.

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